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DON'T MISS HER "SCHOOLGIRL CRUSH!"
AS HE HELD ME IN HIS ARMS, I PRAYED HE'D BE "THE MAN I'D MARRY!"

Amazing New Safe Candy Plan for

Quick Reducing

Without A Hungry Moment — No Drugs — No Exercise

Lose Up to 5 lbs. a week with Dr. Phillips Kelpidine Candy Plan

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the MAN I'LL Marry

WHENEVER BETTY DREAMED OF HERSELF GOING DOWN THE AISLE, SHE ALWAYS HAD A VERY DEFINITE TYPE OF MAN IN MIND FOR THE GROOM...AND BETTY WAS DETERMINED TO REACH THE ALTAR WITH THAT DREAM MAN NO MATTER WHAT HER PROTESTING HEART TOLD HER!

THEN THERE WAS KARL...AND THERE WAS NO DOUBT ABOUT HIS CAPABILITIES...
SORRY ABOUT THE DELAY, BUT I HAD TO SETTLE A DEAL IN RIO!
HE IS A MAN OF THE WORLD...BUT THERE'S STILL SOMETHING LACKING...

IRV MET MY THIRD REQUIREMENT! HIS TROPHIES, MEDALS AND NEWS CLIPPINGS PROVED THAT HE WAS A NATURAL ATHLETE IN WHATEVER FIELD HE PICKED...
THAT'S GAME, SET, AND MATCH, BETTY! AND THE WINNER WANTS HIS PRIZE!
SIX-LOVE...SIX-LOVE... IT DIDN'T TAKE YOU LONG TO POLISH ME OFF!
IF ONLY IRV WERE AS SUCCESSFUL AS KARL, AND IF HE JUST HAD A TRACE OF JEFF'S PROFILE...
BUT I NEVER QUITE FOUND MY COMPOSITE MAN, WHO COMBINED LOOKS, SUCCESS AND ATHLETIC PROWESS...I OCCASIONALLY CAUGHT MYSELF SKETCHING HIM ON MY AD AGENCY'S TIME...
(SIGH!) WELL...SOMEDAY, I'LL MEET HIM AND I WON'T COMPROMISE...NO MATTER HOW LONG I HAVE TO WAIT!
WHEN I RETURNED FROM LUNCH, I FOUND A SHORT CRISP NOTE ON MY DESK...
"PLEASE SEE ME ABOUT YOUR DOODLING...MEL MERRIT!" OH! OH! HE'S THE NEW ART DIRECTOR! WHAT COULD HE MEAN?
STILL PUZZLED, I WENT TO HIS OFFICE... BUT A MOMENT LATER, I WAS SMILING...
YOUR DREAM MAN, PERHAPS?
NOT REALLY! IT WAS ONLY A DOODLE!
THAT MAKES ME FEEL BETTER...CONSIDERING I'M NEITHER ATHLETIC, HANDSOME OR PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL!
AREN'T YOU BEING A LITTLE TOO HARSH ON YOURSELF?
IF I AM, SUPPOSE YOU TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT AT DINNER TONIGHT! WILL YOU?
ALL RIGHT, IT'S A DATE!

NO, MEL CERTAINLY DIDN'T FILL MY DREAM MAN'S BILL, BUT HE WAS GOOD COMPANY WHILE I WAITED FOR MY IDEAL TO COME ALONG...
I GUESS EVERY GIRL HAS SOME PRECONCEIVED NOTION ABOUT THE MAN SHE'LL MARRY! I WONDER HOW CLOSE HER HUSBAND EVER COMES TO THAT VISION?
I'M CERTAIN SOME GIRLS GET EXACTLY THE KIND OF MAN THEY'VE ALWAYS HAD IN MIND!
WE CHATTED ALL THE WAY TO MY HOME, AND I FOUND MEL A DELIGHTFUL COMPANION! I ALSO FOUND MYSELF BEING KISSED GOOD NIGHT!
SOMETHING IS DIFFERENT, BETTY! YOU USUALLY WAIT TILL THE SECOND DATE BEFORE YOU KISS THE MAN GOOD NIGHT! WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT MEL?
NO, MEL CERTAINLY WASN'T THE IDEAL I'D DREAMED OF! MY DREAM MAN RODE IN A CHAUFFEURED LIMOUSINE... WHEREAS MEL DEPENDED ON BUSES...
WE BEGAN DATING A FEW TIMES A WEEK AND I SOON FOUND MEL WAS NO FOUR-LETTER MAN...
GOOD SHOT... YOU WIN AGAIN, BETTY!
THERE'S A CONSOLATION PRIZE FOR THE LOSER!
FUNNY... MEL'S GAME ISN'T HALF AS EXCITING AS IRV'S... BUT HIS KISS HAS MY HEART BEATING TWICE AS FAST AS IRV'S EVER DID!
WHEN I WAS HOME ALONE, I FOUND MY THOUGHTS TURNING BACK TO MEL TIME AND TIME AGAIN! AND LIKE ANY ARTIST, I HAD TO PUT DOWN MY FEELINGS ON PAPER...
NOPE... NO MATTER WHAT ANGLE I SKETCH MEL FROM, HE STILL DOESN'T COME OUT WITH JEFF'S PROFILE... I'VE GOT TO FACE IT, MEL JUST ISN'T HANDSOME!

MY FRIENDS BEGAN NOTICING THINGS THAT I DIDN'T SEE AT ALL...
MEL'S A WONDERFUL GUY, BETTY! I GUESS HE'LL BE POPPING THE QUESTION SOON!
DON'T BE SILLY! WE'RE NOT SERIOUS! HE JUST ISN'T MY TYPE!
BUT THAT NIGHT, I SENSED SOMETHING IMPORTANT WAS TROUBLING MEL AS HE WALKED ME INTO THE MOONLIT PARK...
BETTY, WE'VE BEEN DATING FOR FIVE MONTHS NOW! I KNOW I'M NOT THE DREAM MAN TYPE, BUT...
I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM BEFORE HE PROPOSES! I WOULDN'T WANT TO HURT HIS FEELINGS BY TURNING HIM DOWN!
COME ON, MEL, IT'S TOO NICE A NIGHT FOR DEEP THINKING! LET'S WALK!
BUT...ALL RIGHT! WE'LL WALK IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT!
I KNOW MEL SUSPECTED SO I TRIED TO SOFTEN THE BLOW BY PUTTING MY ARMS AROUND HIM... SLOWLY OUR LIPS MET...
MEL TOOK ME HOME, BARELY SAYING A WORD! WHEN HE LEFT ME AT THE DOOR, I FOUND A STRANGE EMPTINESS IN MY HEART...
I DID THE RIGHT THING! SURE MEL'S FUN AND WONDERFUL, BUT HERE IS MY MAN AND I'VE GOT TO WAIT FOR HIM!
GRADUALLY, I BEGAN TO BREAK OFF WITH MEL...
NO, MEL...I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T SEE YOU TOMORROW NIGHT OR SATURDAY!
I BEGAN SEEING MY OLD FRIENDS AGAIN, BUT GOING OUT WITH THEM OPENED MY EYES...
BET YOU MISSED ME, BETTY!
N...NO, JEFF ...I HAVEN'T!

SAY, WHAT'S WRONG? NO GOOD-NIGHT KISS?
SORRY, JEFF, BUT IT'S LATE!
WHAT'S SO WONDERFUL ABOUT A MAN JUST BECAUSE HE HAS A PERFECT PROFILE!
WHEN KARL TOOK ME OUT, I DISCOVERED THAT SUCCESS IN THE BUSINESS WORLD NARROWED A MAN'S RANGE OF INTERESTS!
LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THIS DEAL IN RIO! THE WAY I FOXED THEM ON THAT CONTRACT OVER THE NET PROFIT'S PRICELESS!
NOT AGAIN, KARL! I CAN RECITE THAT CONTRACT'S TWENTY-ONE CLAUSES BY HEART!
AND TOP ATHLETES MAY BE FUN TO WATCH, BUT OFTEN THEY'RE NOT THE IDEAL SPORTING COMPANION...
YOU MEAN I WON'T BE PLAYING GOLF WITH YOU TOMORROW?
NO, IT'S TOO RISKY, BETTY! IF I PLAYED WITH YOU, IT MIGHT THROW OFF MY GAME FOR NEXT WEEK'S TOURNAMENT!
A WEEK LATER, MEL CALLED ME INTO HIS OFFICE WITH A VERY IMPERSONAL AND OFFICIAL-SOUNDING NOTE...
YOU'VE BEEN SKETCHING AGAIN ON THE BACK OF AN AD PRESENTATION... IT'S A MAN!
SORRY, MY SUBCONSCIOUS DREAM MAN SEEMS TO KEEP CROPPING UP!
I HOPE HE'S YOUR DREAM MAN!
IT'S YOU I DREW! OH, MEL, DON'T YOU SEE WHAT IT MEANS? I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU ALL THIS TIME! I'VE BEEN SO INVOLVED WITH A NONEXISTENT DREAM MAN THAT WHEN THE RIGHT MAN REALLY CAME I WAS TOO BLIND TO SEE HIM!
MEL FINISHED HIS PROPOSING THEN AND THERE! WITH ALL MY HEART I SAID YES, FOR I REALIZED THEN THAT LOVE PICKS YOUR MATE FOR YOU AND NOT SOME PRECONCEIVED NOTION! THE MAN YOU LOVE IS THE RIGHT TYPE FOR YOU...
WHEN WE RETURNED FROM OUR HONEYMOON, MEL SURPASSED MY DREAM MAN! LOVE MADE HIM SEEM THE HANDSOMEST MAN IN THE WORLD TO ME! HE WAS SUCCESSFUL ENOUGH TO MEET THE DOWN PAYMENT ON A CHARMING LITTLE HOME AND ATHLETIC ENOUGH TO CARRY ME OVER THE THRESHOLD...
HAPPY, DARLING?
WHY SHOULDN'T I BE? I'M MARRIED TO MY DREAM MAN!
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THE END OF THE DREAM

I ALWAYS dreamed high. Mom and Pop and the five younger kids back in Clay City used to always say that about me. It used to be a compliment, before I set out for junior college to fulfill my high ambition of becoming a teacher. The folks and all the kids in our ramshackle house treated me like a Queen. But when I came home after the first summer of school and I heard them talking about my "dreaming high," I cried bitterly. I was a failure, but I would never let them know it.

"Dreaming high" as they put it might have been the beginning road to success. It wasn't for me. And just "dreaming" wasn't going to pull me through two years of school without decent grades. At first I thought that just being at a wonderful college was the key to getting ahead. I did passable work at the Clay City school, but I never realized how low the standards were there compared to the high academic requirements of my new college.

There was a terrible weakness in me, too, once I cast my eyes upon the new life that the college scene opened to me. I used to sit on the campus and watch enviously as the well-dressed co-eds sailed by in their tartan-plaid skirts and luxury-soft sweaters. I longed to be part of a social whirl I had never known in my humble small-town background. Of course, none of the college fellows fell over each other to date drab Doris Doyle. In the room that I lived in, over Green's restaurant (in exchange for waiting tables three meals a day) I often wept bitterly. My clothing was worn and colorless, but I didn't realize then that my pinched face had taken on the lacklustre quality of the garments I despised. I did nothing to smile or brighten my face or my hair grooming. I flaunted my negative personality like the chain of servitude shackling my spirit. Even my grades suffered. The misery of failure was almost too much of a burden to bear.

Before the summer vacation my grade adviser called me in to speak to him.

"Miss Doyle, after looking at your record I wonder if the strain of study isn't a little too much for someone in . . . well, in your position," he said gently.

He knew about the work that I had to do to keep my room and pay for the food. I had a flashing picture of the creaky gray house in Clay City with Mom and Pop and the kids waving eagerly from the rickety front porch . . . their faces bright with hope for Big Sister Doris. What would Mr. Norman, my adviser say if he knew the economic pain that all of them had gone through to give me this chance?

"I want to be a teacher," I said, "and I just have to stay in school and make good. Maybe next year. . . "

Mr. Norman's face was terribly solemn.

"Unless you improve in some of the courses you're failing in I don't think you ought to even think about coming back in the fall. You may be dreaming about a teaching career, Doris, but you're not giving any effort to your work. Why, even in the simple subjects you haven't made any headway. . . "

My welcome home to Clay City was like a reception for a great celebrity. Pop had a huge gourd of watermelon punch set on the scarred kitchen table, and Mom had gotten up at five A.M. to bake cookies. The neighbors all dropped in from the farms, grinning at me with respectful admiration. What would they say if they knew that their efforts were being made for a flop . . . a failure, a kid with "dreams" who just couldn't make the grade.

The worst shock of all came when Pop whispered to me that his new boss over the tile factory was due to drop in.

"Nice young fella," said Pop, "and he's mighty anxious to meet a smart gal like you. Course Hank ain't had much schooling, but not everyone's real bright like my Doris."

When Hank Brody entered the house, it was like warm sunlight crowding out the self-gloom of my imprisonment. The clasp of his handshake and the intentness of the blue eyes looking into mine filled me with warmth and pleasure. I had never felt anyone close to me like that before.

"So you're Doris," he said, the words tumbling softly from his lips. "Pop's told me so much about you. I sure do admire your courage in setting out for school and working at putting

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Now at last—QUICKLY—EASILY put firm, attractive pounds and inches on your body, chest, arms and legs.

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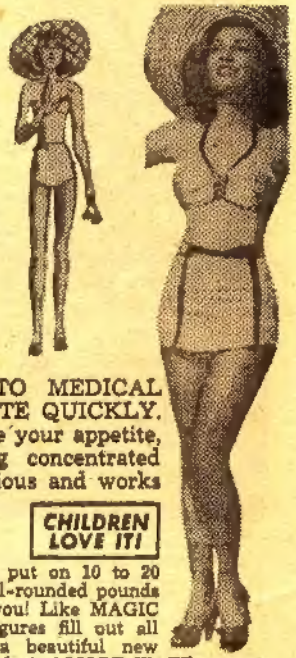

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SENT ON APPROVAL — MAKE AMAZING 10-DAY TEST

School girl CRUSH
Read page 7
"HER VERY FROWNS ARE FAIRER FAR THAN SMILES OF OTHER MAIDENS ARE!"
FROM THE DAY I TOOK JUNIOR ENGLISH THE WORLD BEGAN TO REVOLVE ABOUT MR. MANN, MY TEACHER! HE WAS HANDSOME, YOUNG AND BRILLIANT! WHEN HE READ POETRY TO THE CLASS, I WAS IN ANOTHER WORLD! I WAS SURE HE READ THE LOVE POEMS ESPECIALLY FOR ME, FOR OCCASIONALLY, I WOULD SEE HIM LOOK UP FROM HIS BOOK, AND SMILE AT ME AS HE READ!
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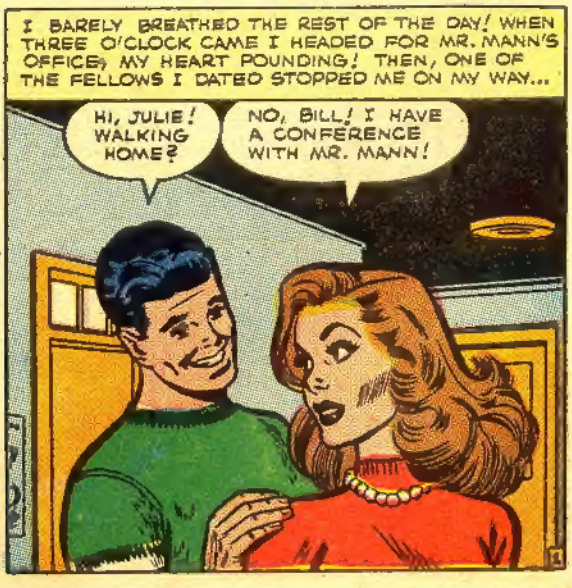
I INVENTED AN EXCUSE ALMOST EVERY DAY TO STOP AFTER CLASS TO SPEAK TO HIM! SOMETIMES IT LED TO OUR WALKING TO MY NEXT CLASS WITH HIM! THEN I WAS IN HEAVEN, JUST WALKING AND TALKING...
MR. MANN, YOU WANTED TO SEE ME AT THREE O'CLOCK, WASN'T IT?
YES, JULIE! I HAVE SEVERAL THINGS TO DISCUSS WITH YOU! IT MIGHT TAKE SOME TIME, SO PLAN ON STAYING A WHILE, WILL YOU?

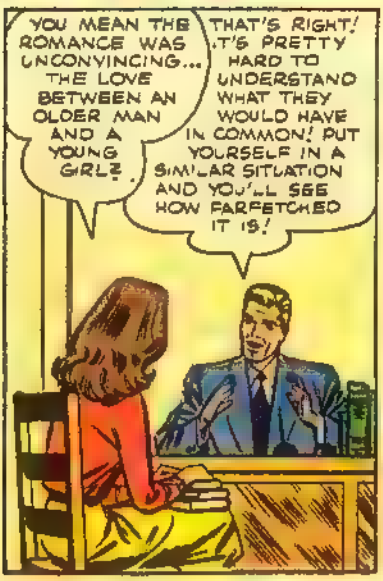

I BARELY BREATHED THE REST OF THE DAY! WHEN THREE O'CLOCK CAME I HEADED FOR MR. MANN'S OFFICE, MY HEART POUNDING! THEN, ONE OF THE FELLOWS I DATED STOPPED ME ON MY WAY...
HI, JULIE! WALKING HOME?
NO, BILL! I HAVE A CONFERENCE WITH MR. MANN!

I'LL WAIT FOR YOU, THEN WE CAN STOP BY THE RECORD SHOP!
NO, BILL! I DON'T THINK SO! I'LL PROBABLY BE TIED UP ALL AFTERNOON!

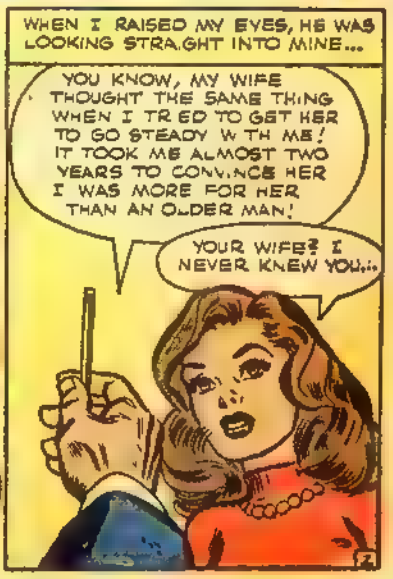
YOU ACT LIKE HE'S A DATE OR SOMETHING!
IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE! HE'S NOT TOO MUCH OLDER THAN I AM!

JULIE, YOU'RE ACTING SILLY! DON'T GO MAKING A FOOL OF YOURSELF ABOUT MR. MANN!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEING SILLY! I'LL SEE YOU AROUND!

I LEFT BILL WITH A PITYING SMILE, AND ENTERED MR. MANN'S OFFICE! I FELT I HAD TO EXPRESS MY FEELINGS TO MR. MANN! I WISHED I COULD CALL HIM DON, AS I HEARD THE TEACHERS DO... IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SO MUCH EASIER...
JULIE, COME IN! I WAS JUST READING YOUR STORY! IT WAS INTERESTING BUT HARDLY CONVINCING!


YOU MEAN THE ROMANCE WAS UNCONVINCING... THE LOVE BETWEEN AN OLDER MAN AND A YOUNG GIRL?
THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S PRETTY HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY WOULD HAVE IN COMMON! PUT YOURSELF IN A SIMILAR SITUATION AND YOU'LL SEE HOW FARFETCHED IT IS!

I... I DON'T AGREE, MR. MANN!


WHEN I RAISED MY EYES, HE WAS LOOKING STRAIGHT INTO MINE...
YOU KNOW, MY WIFE THOUGHT THE SAME THING WHEN I TRIED TO GET HER TO GO STEADY WITH ME! IT TOOK ME ALMOST TWO YEARS TO CONVINCE HER I WAS MORE FOR HER THAN AN OLDER MAN!
YOUR WIFE? I NEVER KNEW YOU...

THAT'S RIGHT, I DON'T THINK ANY OF THE STUDENTS KNOW I AM MARRIED! I HAD TO SCOUT AROUND FOR A HOUSE FOR US, BEFORE I SENT FOR MRS. MANN, AND DON, JUNIOR! IN FACT, THAT'S WHAT I REALLY WANTED TO TALK ABOUT!
IT WAS A GOOD THING MR MANN BEGAN TO TALK ABOUT HIS PLANS BECAUSE IF THERE HAD BEEN A PAUSE, I WOULD HAVE BROKEN DOWN AND CRIED...
THE OFFICE TELLS ME YOU'RE LISTED FOR BABY SITTING, AND I WONDERED IF YOU WOULD COME HOME WITH ME TOMORROW AND TAKE CARE OF LITTLE DON WHILE MRS. MANN AND I UNPACKED!
I SUPPOSE SO
I WALKED HOME IN A DAZE! MR. MANN WAS MARRIED! THAT'S ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT! FOR THIS MOMENT AT LEAST, MY BRIGHT HOPES HAD COME TO A DISMAL END...
THAT'S A PRETTY DRESS
OH THANK YOU
AND HE REACHED HIS PLACE A SHORT TIME LATER
THIS IS JULIE SHE'S HERE TO WATCH DON.
AND MEET LITTLE DON!
NOW, YOUNG MAN, OFF YOU GO FOR AN AFTERNOON STROLL WITH JULIE! I DON'T THINK YOU EVER HAD SUCH A PRETTY BABY SITTER BEFORE!
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YOU'RE JUST IN TIME FOR TEA, JULIE...
THANK YOU!
NOW THAT MR. MANN HAS GONE TO THE VILLAGE FOR A FEW THINGS, WE CAN TALK! HOW ARE THEY TAKING HIM AT SCHOOL?
WE ALL ENJOY ENGLISH WITH MR. MANN: HIS POETRY READING AND HIS SHAKESPEARE READING ARE JUST WONDERFUL!
I KNOW! THAT'S WHAT WON ME OVER, TOO! WE TOOK A POETRY CLASS TOGETHER AT COLLEGE, AND THE WAY HE READ THOSE LOVE POEMS TO ME JUST LEFT ME NO CHOICE! I HAD TO FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM!
YOU WENT TO SCHOOL TOGETHER?
OH, YES! THROUGH ALL FOUR YEARS! AFTER DON GOT HIS FIRST TEACHING APPOINTMENT WE GOT MARR ED, BUT WE HAD ALWAYS MIXED WITH THE SAME CROWD OF YOUNG PEOPLE!
IT SOUNDS WONDERFUL!
MR. MANN RETURNED, AND WITH HIM WAS BILL, HOLDING HIS LATEST RECORD PURCHASE. BILL LOOKED AWFULLY GOOD TO ME AT THAT MOMENT. I FELT THAT HERE AT LEAST WAS SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTOOD ME.
LOOK WHO I FOUND DOWNTOWN! BILL, THIS IS MRS. MANN. BILL IS QUITE A RECORD COLLECTOR, DEAR, AND WHEN I TOLD HIM WE HAD A HI-FI, WE DECIDED TO BRING THE NEW RECORD OVER FOR A WHIRL!
HOW DO YOU DO, MRS. MANN? HI, JULIE!
WE PLAYED THE RECORD, AND BILL AND I DANCED...
IT'S ABSOLUTELY MARVELOUS, JULIE! WILL YOU BOTH COME OVER AGAIN SOME EVENING AND GIVE MR. MANN AND ME A LESSON?
WE SURE WILL, MRS. MANN!
I FELT ABOUT TEN YEARS OLDER WHEN I LEFT WITH BILL THAT AFTERNOON. I KNEW A LOT MORE THAN WHEN I HAD ENTERED. BILL OFFERED TO TAKE ME HOME AND I WAS DELIGHTED...
YOU'RE SURE YOU DIDN'T WANT ME TO DRIVE YOU HOME, JULIE?
NO, THANKS, MR. MANN. BILL WILL DO JUST FINE! GOOD-BYE, MRS. MANN, CALL ME ANY TIME! I'LL BE GLAD TO SIT FOR YOU!
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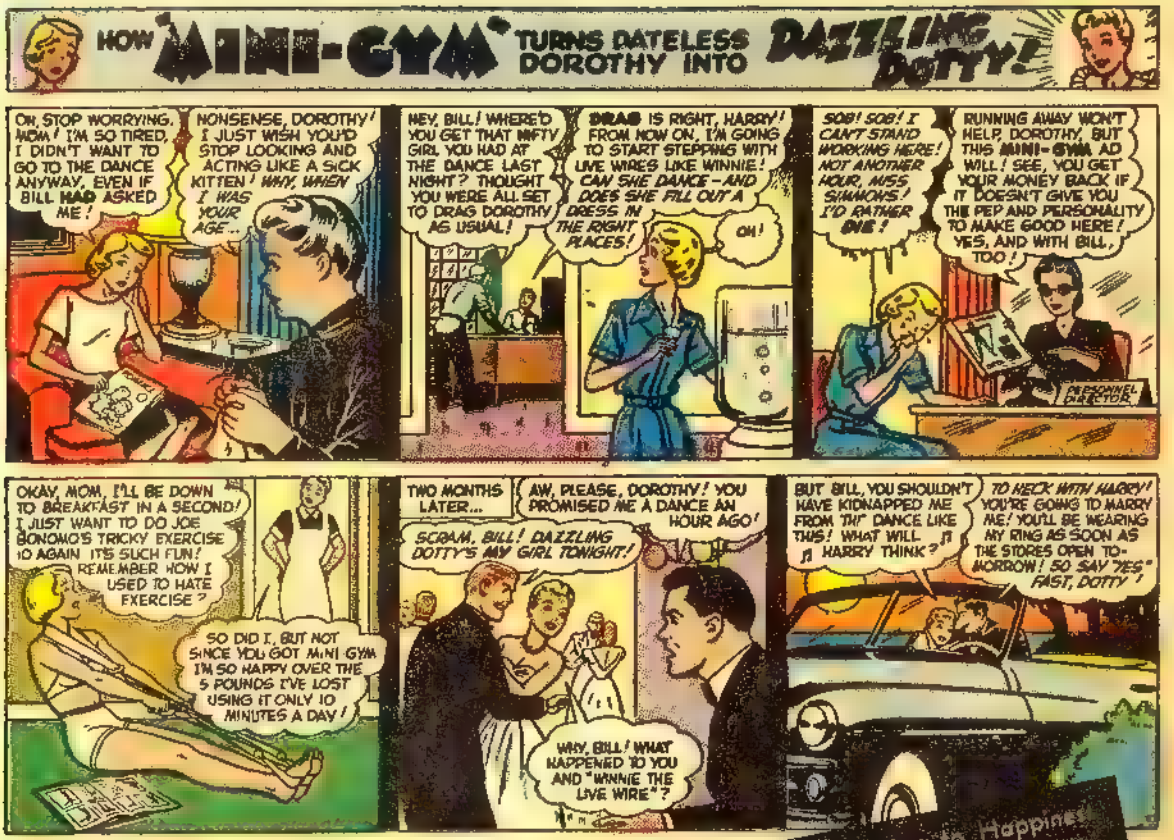
HOW MINI-GYM TURNS DATELESS DOROTHY INTO DAZZLING DOTTY!
OH, STOP WORRYING, MOM! I'M SO TIRED, I DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO THE DANCE ANYWAY, EVEN IF BILL HAD ASKED ME!
NONSENSE, DOROTHY! I JUST WISH YOU'D STOP LOOKING AND ACTING LIKE A SICK KITTEN! WHY, WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE...
HEY, BILL! WHERE'D YOU GET THAT NIFTY GIRL YOU HAD AT THE DANCE LAST NIGHT? THOUGHT YOU WERE ALL SET TO DRAG DOROTHY AS USUAL!
DRAG IS RIGHT, HARRY! FROM NOW ON, I'M GOING TO START STEPPING WITH LIVE WIRES LIKE WINNIE! CAN SHE DANCE—AND DOES SHE FILL OUT A DRESS IN THE RIGHT PLACES!
OH!
SOB! SOB! I CAN'T STAND WORKING HERE! NOT ANOTHER HOUR, MISS SIMMONS! I'D RATHER DIE!
RUNNING AWAY WON'T HELP, DOROTHY, BUT THIS MINI-GYM AD WILL! SEE, YOU GET YOUR MONEY BACK IF IT DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE PEP AND PERSONALITY TO MAKE GOOD HERE! YES, AND WITH BILL, TOO!
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OKAY, MOM, I'LL BE DOWN TO BREAKFAST IN A SECOND! I JUST WANT TO DO JOE BONOMO'S TRICKY EXERCISE TO AGAIN. IT'S SUCH FUN! REMEMBER HOW I USED TO HATE EXERCISE?
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AW, PLEASE, DOROTHY! YOU PROMISED ME A DANCE AN HOUR AGO!
SCRAM, BILL! DAZZLING DOTTY'S MY GIRL TONIGHT!
WHY, BILL! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AND "WINNIE THE LIVE WIRE"?
BUT BILL, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE KIDNAPPED ME FROM THE DANCE LIKE THIS! WHAT WILL HARRY THINK?
TO HECK WITH HARRY! YOU'RE GOING TO MARRY ME! YOU'LL BE WEARING MY RING AS SOON AS THE STORES OPEN TOMORROW! SO SAY "YES" FAST, DOTTY!

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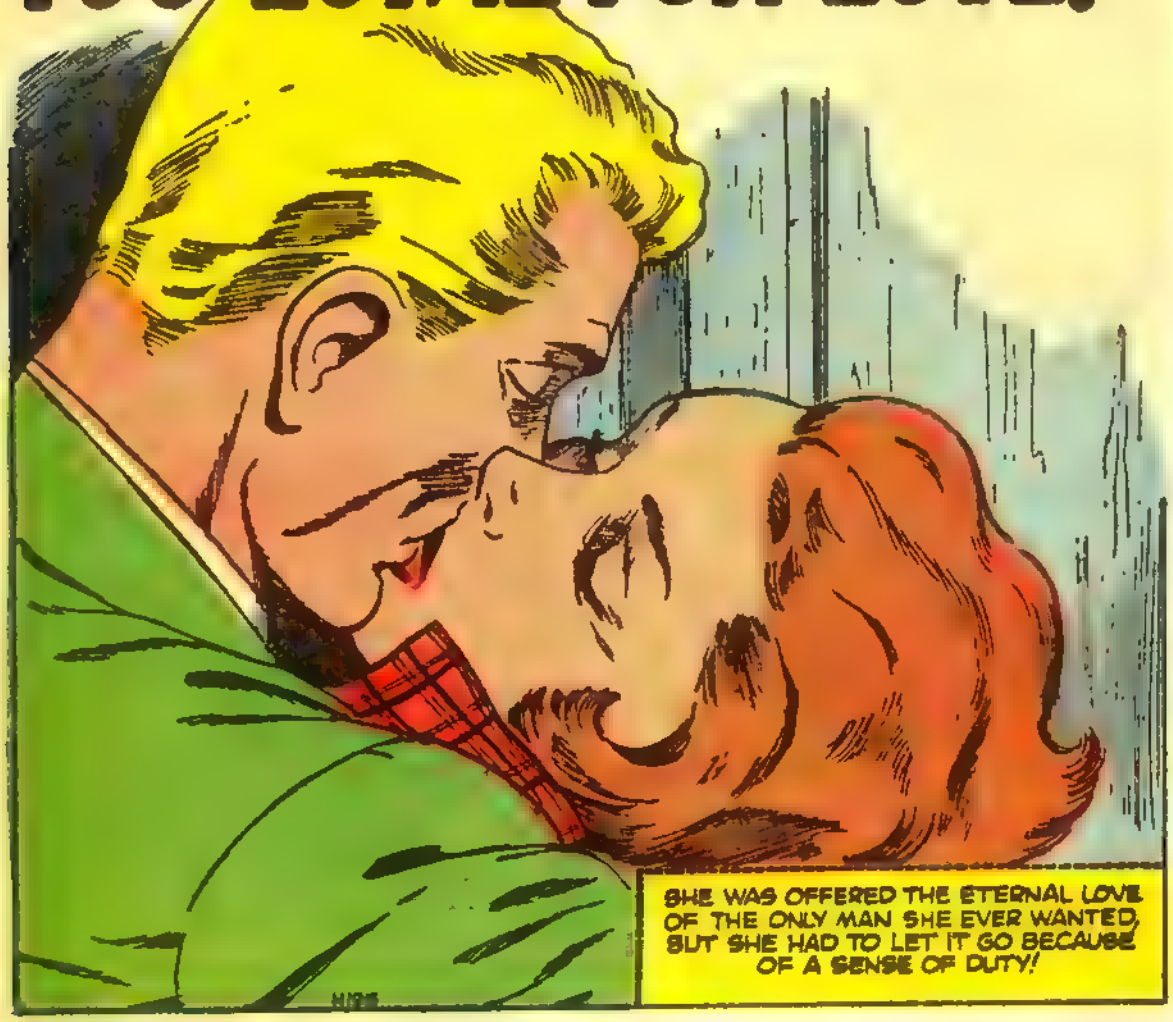
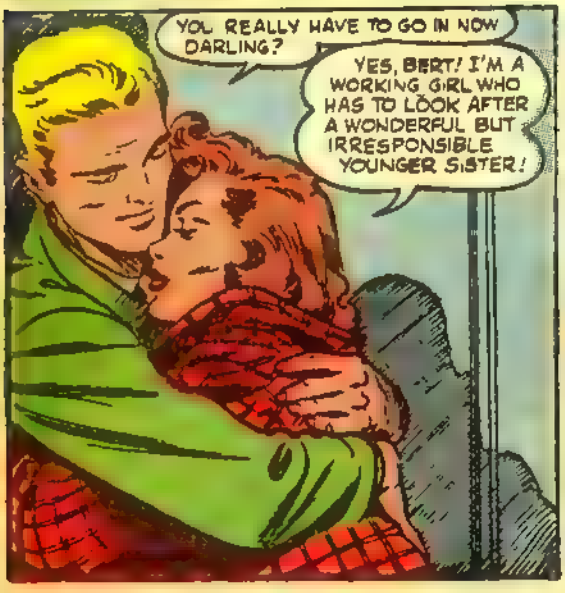
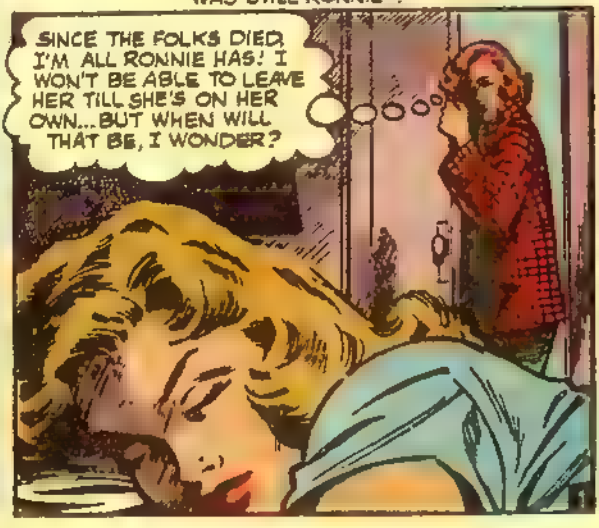
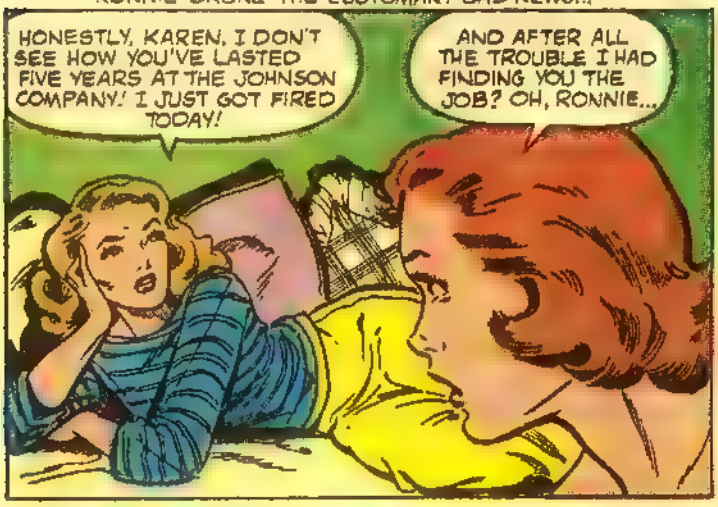


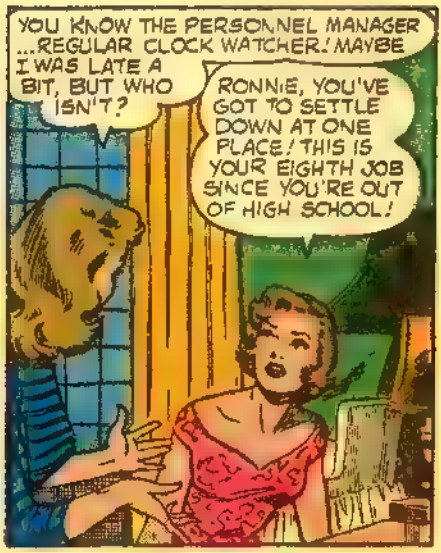

YOU REALLY HAVE TO GO IN NOW DARLING?
YES, BERT! I'M A WORKING GIRL WHO HAS TO LOOK AFTER A WONDERFUL BUT IRRESPONSIBLE YOUNGER SISTER!

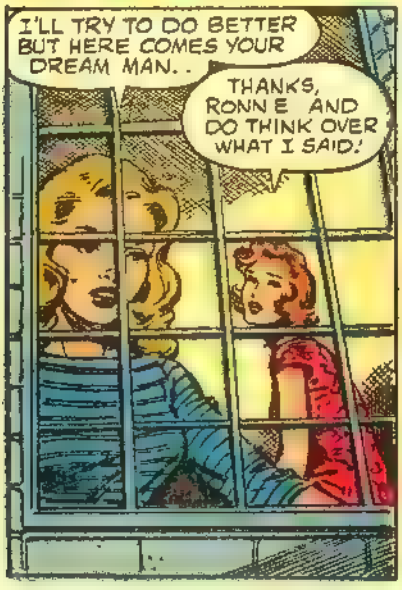
BERT AND I HAD BEEN GOING STEADY FOR ALMOST A MONTH AND MY FUTURE LOOKED ROSY... BUT THERE WAS STILL RONNIE.



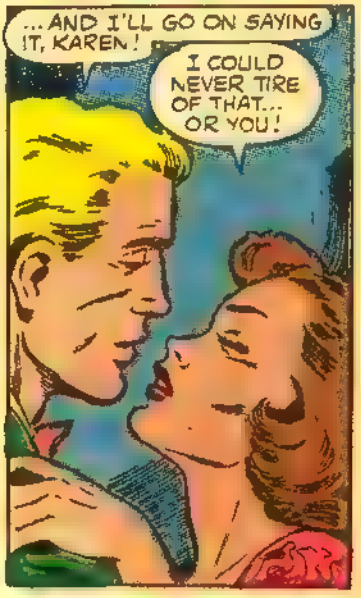
THE NEXT EVENING, AS I DRESSED FOR MY DATE WITH BERT, RONNIE BROKE THE CUSTOMARY BAD NEWS...


HONESTLY, KAREN, I DON'T SEE HOW YOU'VE LASTED FIVE YEARS AT THE JOHNSON COMPANY! I JUST GOT FIRED TODAY!
AND AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE I HAD FINDING YOU THE JOB? OH, RONNIE...

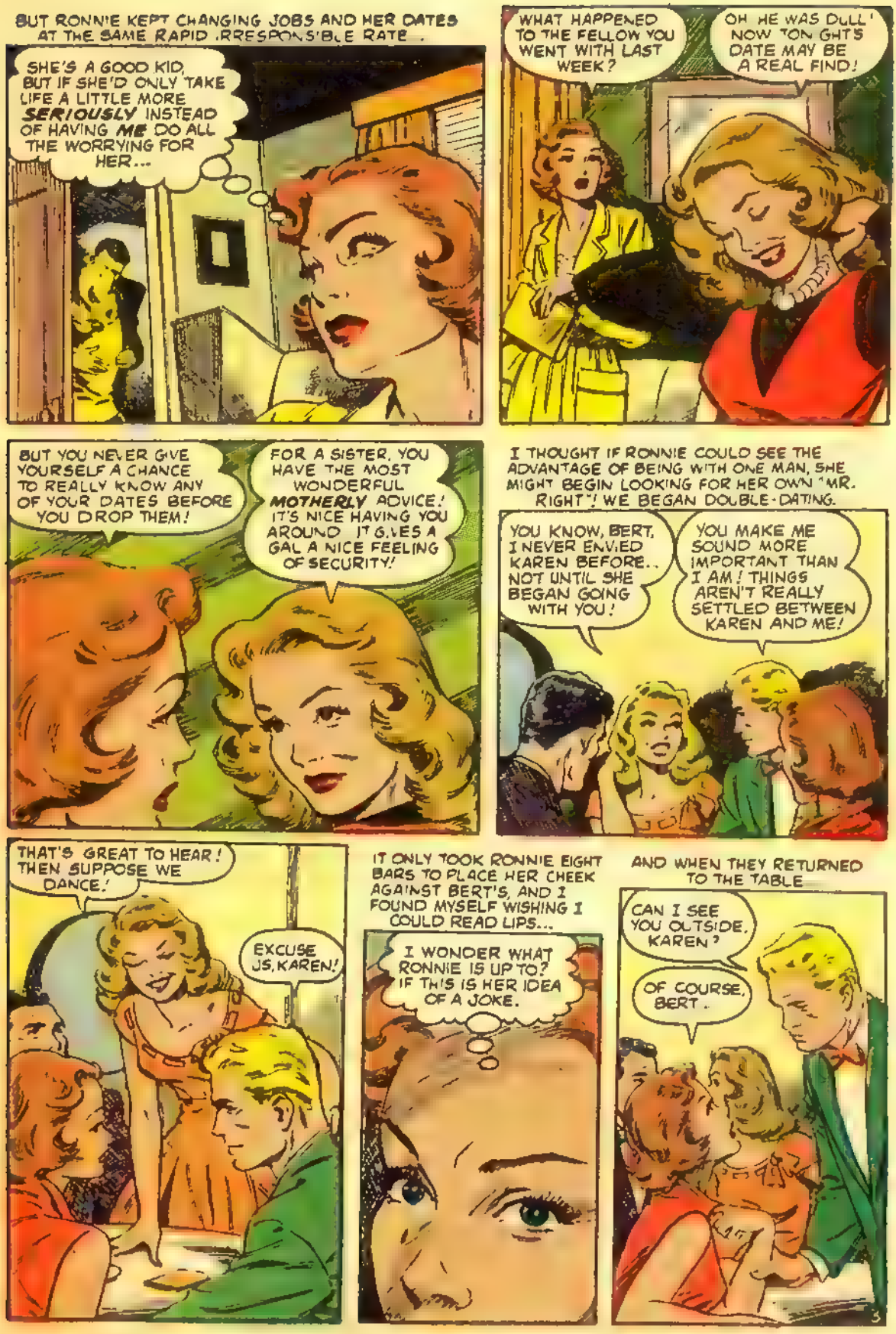

YOU KNOW THE PERSONNEL MANAGER ...REGULAR CLOCK WATCHER! MAYBE I WAS LATE A BIT, BUT WHO ISN'T?
RONNIE, YOU'VE GOT TO SETTLE DOWN AT ONE PLACE! THIS IS YOUR EIGHTH JOB SINCE YOU'RE OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL!



BUT ONCE I WAS IN BERT'S ARMS, ALL PROBLEMS SEEMED TO VANISH...



AND WHILE ALL THE OTHER DANCERS' EYES WERE TURNED TOWARD THE FEATURED SINGER, WE SHARED A STOLEN KISS IN A DARKENED CORNER OF THE BALL-ROOM...


BUT RONNIE KEPT CHANGING JOBS AND HER DATES AT THE SAME RAPID IRRESPONSIBLE RATE.
SHE'S A GOOD KID, BUT IF SHE'D ONLY TAKE LIFE A LITTLE MORE SERIOUSLY INSTEAD OF HAVING ME DO ALL THE WORRYING FOR HER...
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FELLOW YOU WENT WITH LAST WEEK?
OH HE WAS DULL! NOW TONIGHT'S DATE MAY BE A REAL FIND!
BUT YOU NEVER GIVE YOURSELF A CHANCE TO REALLY KNOW ANY OF YOUR DATES BEFORE YOU DROP THEM!
FOR A SISTER, YOU HAVE THE MOST WONDERFUL MOTHERLY ADVICE! IT'S NICE HAVING YOU AROUND IT GIVES A GAL A NICE FEELING OF SECURITY!
I THOUGHT IF RONNIE COULD SEE THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING WITH ONE MAN, SHE MIGHT BEGIN LOOKING FOR HER OWN "MR. RIGHT"! WE BEGAN DOUBLE-DATING.
YOU KNOW, BERT, I NEVER ENVIED KAREN BEFORE.. NOT UNTIL SHE BEGAN GOING WITH YOU!
YOU MAKE ME SOUND MORE IMPORTANT THAN I AM! THINGS AREN'T REALLY SETTLED BETWEEN KAREN AND ME!
THAT'S GREAT TO HEAR! THEN SUPPOSE WE DANCE!
EXCUSE US, KAREN!
IT ONLY TOOK RONNIE EIGHT BARS TO PLACE HER CHEEK AGAINST BERT'S, AND I FOUND MYSELF WISHING I COULD READ LIPS...
I WONDER WHAT RONNIE IS UP TO? IF THIS IS HER IDEA OF A JOKE.
AND WHEN THEY RETURNED TO THE TABLE
CAN I SEE YOU OUTSIDE, KAREN?
OF COURSE, BERT.
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AS WE GAZED OUT ON THE ROMANTIC VIEW, I SENSED BERT WAS ABOUT TO SAY SOMETHING IMPORTANT...

A SIGHT LIKE THIS IS WONDERFUL, WHEN TWO CAN SHARE IT! I GUESS IT'S THE SAME WITH EVERYTHING... IF YOU FIND THE RIGHT PERSON!

NO... I CAN'T LET HIM PROPOSE! I'M NOT READY FOR MARRIAGE! I'VE GOT TO THINK OF RONNIE!

BEFORE BERT COULD ACTUALLY PROPOSE, MY LIPS SILENCED HIS! I HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO RONNIE AND UNTIL SHE WAS SET WITH EITHER A JOB OR A STEADY BEAU, I KNEW MARRIAGE WASN'T FOR ME!

WHEN WE RETURNED HOME THAT NIGHT, I TRIED TO MAKE RONNIE SEE THINGS MY WAY...

BERT'S A LOT OF FUN!

SO ARE OTHER MEN, BUT YOU'LL NEVER KNOW, DATING A MAN TWICE AND THEN DROPPING HIM FOR SOMEONE NEW! RONNIE, IT'S TIME YOU SETTLED DOWN TO ONE JOB, AND THOUGHT SERIOUSLY OF ONE MAN!

BUT THE NEXT DAY, RONNIE CAME HOME REPORTING THAT SHE'D QUIT HER LATEST JOB! SHE'D HEARD OF A MORE INTERESTING POSITION..

SORRY IF I UPSET YOU! YOU LOOK TIRED, KAREN!

I'M NOT FEELING TOO WELL...A HEADACHE'S BEEN BOTHERING ME ALL DAY! I DON'T THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO SEE BERT TONIGHT!

I FELL INTO A DEEP SLEEP AND WHEN I AWOKE, IT WAS PAST MIDNIGHT AND RONNIE WAS LOOKING IN...

I REALLY DOZED OFF! LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN OUT FOR THE EVENING!

YES, BERT AND I HAD A SWELL TIME!

YOU WERE OUT WITH BERT?

HE CALLED AFTER YOU DOZED OFF AND SAID HE HAD TICKETS FOR A SHOW... SEEMED A SHAME TO WASTE THEM, SO I WENT IN YOUR PLACE!

AFTER THAT FIRST DATE WITH BERT, RONNIE SEEMED TO BE TAKING MY ADVICE! SHE SETTLED DOWN TO ONE MAN...

MY MAN!

BITTERLY, I REALIZED THAT MY SACRIFICE FOR RONNIE WAS A CRUEL MISTAKE ' WHEN I STOPPED BERT FROM PROPOSING, IT WAS FOR RONNIE'S SAKE .

I THOUGHT I HAD TO BE LOYAL TO MY YOUNGER SISTER...STAY WITH HER TILL SHE WAS BETTER ORGANIZED! PERHAPS IT'S PARTLY MY FAULT! RONNIE HAS COME TO DEPEND ON ME TOO MUCH! BUT IT'LL BE DIFFERENT FROM NOW ON!

I DECIDED TO ACT BOLDLY TO WIN BERT BACK! WITH TREMBLING FINGERS, I DIALED HIS HOME...

HELLO, BERT! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN TWO WEEKS, BUT THERE'S A PARTY AT THE SHORES NEXT TUESDAY... WILL YOU GO WITH ME?

YOU WANT *ME* TO TAKE YOU? ALL RIGHT, KAREN...

MY HEART BEAT FASTER WHEN BERT AND I WERE AT LAST TOGETHER AGAIN! I WAS SURE I SAW LOVE STILL IN HIS EYES, BUT HIS VOICE WAS TROUBLED AND QUESTIONING...

I CARED FOR YOU VERY MUCH, KAREN BUT THAT NIGHT I STARTED TO PROPOSE, YOU STOPPED ME ' I WAS SURE THAT MEANT YOU DION T LOVE ME, SO I STARTED DATING RONNIE!

OH, BERT, I NEVER DREAMED YOU'D TAKE IT *THAT* WAY! I DIDN'T STOP YOUR PROPOSAL BECAUSE I DIDN'T LOVE YOU...

THEN I TOLD BERT HOW MY SENSE OF DUTY TO RONNIE HAD MADE ME TRY TO DELAY HIS PROPOSING..AND HOW I REALIZED NOW RONNIE'S UNWORTHY ACTIONS MADE IT FOOLISH TO GO ON SACRIFICING MY LIFE FOR HER...

THEN IF YOU *DID* LOVE ME THEN AND *DO* LOVE ME *NOW*, WILL YOU BE MY WIFE?

OH, BERT, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW EASY IT IS FOR ME TO SAY *YES!*

THEN WE KISSED, PLEDGING OUR HEARTS TO EACH OTHER FOR ETERNITY...

WHEN I RETURNED HOME, I TOLD RONNIE OF MY ENGAGEMENT! THE REALIZATION THAT SHE'D SOON BE ON HER OWN SEEMED TO SHOCK HER INTO A STATE OF RESPONSIBILITY...

FUNNY, BERT WAS ONE OF THE FEW MEN I REALLY LIKED! BUT WITH YOU GETTING READY TO PACK YOUR BAGS IN A FEW MONTHS, KAREN, I'D BETTER START LOOKING FOR *MY* GUY!

YES, ONCE I STOPPED MOTHERING RONNIE, I KNEW SHE WAS ON HER OWN! SHE KEPT HER JOB, AND A WEEK BEFORE I WAS MARRIED, AN ENGAGEMENT RING SPARKLED ON HER FINGER! I WAS PROUD TO HAVE HER AS MY MAID OF HONOR AT THE MOST IMPORTANT MOMENT OF MY LIFE. .

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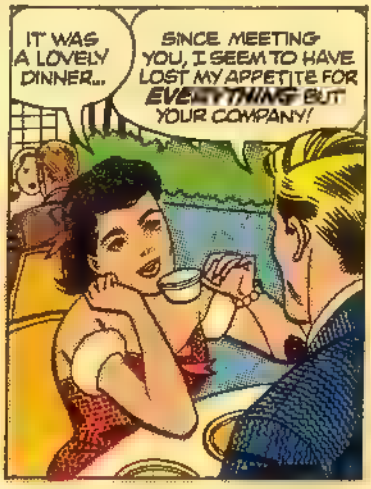
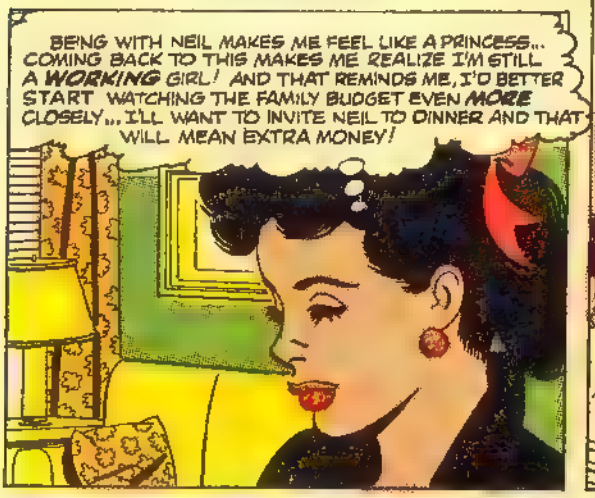
WE BEGAN MEETING ON THE WAY HOME FROM WORK AND SOON NEIL WAS TAKING ME OUT ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK...



WHEN WE REACHED MY APARTMENT, I TREMBLED A BIT, KNOWING FULL WELL THAT THEN AND THERE, WE WOULD HAVE OUR FIRST KISS...

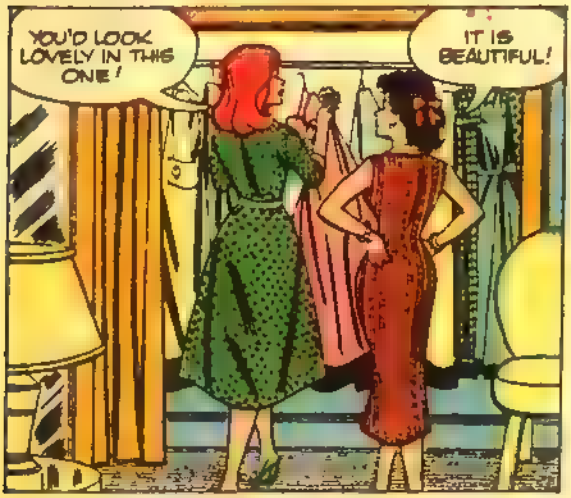
THE LINGERING PLEASURE OF THAT MOMENT ALMOST MADE ME FORGET THE SMALL APARTMENT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR...


BEING WITH NEIL MAKES ME FEEL LIKE A PRINCESS... COMING BACK TO THIS MAKES ME REALIZE I'M STILL A WORKING GIRL! AND THAT REMINDS ME, I'D BETTER START WATCHING THE FAMILY BUDGET EVEN MORE CLOSELY... I'LL WANT TO INVITE NEIL TO DINNER AND THAT WILL MEAN EXTRA MONEY!

IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE WE WERE GOING STEADY AND MY FAST-BEATING HEART TOLD ME LOVE HAD COME...

BUT ONE EVENING, WHEN WE RETURNED FROM THE MOVIES, SOMETHING HAPPENED THAT WAS TO BLOW AWAY THOSE PINK CLOUDS I'D BEEN WALKING ON...

THAT SATURDAY, I STARTED SHOPPING FOR A GOWN AT THE MOST REASONABLE PLACE IN TOWN, BUT EVEN AT LAKE'S THE DRESSES SEEMED BEYOND MY REACH ..



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YES, EVERYTHING ABOUT IT IS RIGHT. EXCEPT THE PRICE! AND I COULDN'T WEAR A CHEAP DRESS AND HUMILIATE NEIL!
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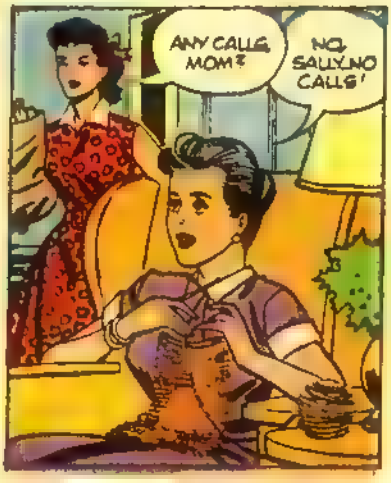
I TRIED A FEW OTHER PLACES AFTER LAKE'S BUT WITHOUT LUCK! RELUCTANTLY I CALLED NEIL..

I CAN'T MAKE THAT DANCE, NEIL! I'D FORGOTTEN I'VE HAD A LONG STANDING DATE FOR THAT NIGHT!
BREAK IT, SALLY! LOTS OF MY FRIENDS WILL BE THERE! I WANT YOU TO MEET THEM!

A WEEK PASSED, NEIL DIDN'T MEET ME ON THE HOMEBOUND BUS! MY PHONE RANG, BUT NEIL WASN'T DOING THE CALLING!



TWO MORE DAYS OF LONELINESS PASSED, STILL NO NEIL..

AND I THOUGHT BACK TO THOSE EXCITING MOMENTS WE HAD SHARED, KNOWING THEY CAME ONLY BECAUSE I LOVED NEIL, AND BECAUSE I WAS SURE HE LOVED ME...

THE MORNING OF THE FORMAL DANCE, OUR BELL RANG AND I WAS STUNNED WHEN I OPENED THE DOOR

NEIL!

HELLO, SALLY! GLAD I FOUND YOU HOME!

THIS PHOTO YOU GAVE ME, MAY BE THE ANSWER I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR! MY COUSIN WAS OVER LAST NIGHT AND THOUGHT SHE RECOGNIZED YOU FROM THIS PHOTO! WERE YOU AT LAKE'S LOOKING FOR A FORMAL DRESS? SHE'S THE ONE WHO SERVED YOU!

YES, NEIL...BUT I COULDN'T FIND ONE I COULD *AFFORD!*

IT WASN'T EASY, BUT TO THE MAN YOU LOVE, YOU CAN TELL THINGS YOU'D NEVER TELL TO ANY OTHER PERSON...

SALLY, DON'T YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENED? WHEN YOU BROKE OUR DATE, IT SOUNDED LIKE YOU WERE TURNING ME DOWN!

NO, NEIL, THERE'S NO ONE I'D RATHER BE WITH THAN *YOU!* I DIDN'T WANT TO EMBARRASS YOU BY GOING IN SOME OLD DRESS!

DARLING, YOU *CAN'T* EMBARRASS THE MAN WHO LOVES *YOU!* SAY THAT YOU'LL GO TONIGHT!

YES, DARLING, I'LL GO.. BUT YOU'D BETTER LET ME START IRONING MY DRESS!

THAT EVENING, WHILE SOFT MUSIC PLAYED INSIDE, WE DANCED ONTO THE TERRACE AND NEIL TOOK MY HAND...

TWO WEEKS WITHOUT YOU, SALLY, TAUGHT ME A LOT OF THINGS..I WANT TO MARRY YOU!

WORDS FAILED ME, BUT MY LIPS GAVE MY CONSENT! I REALIZED THEN HOW I'D ALMOST FOOLISHLY WRECKED MY LIFE OVER A DRESS! TO THE MAN YOU LOVE, YOU ARE ALWAYS A VISION OF PROUD LOVELINESS, NO MATTER WHAT YOU WEAR!

NEIL SLIPPED A STUNNING RING ON MY FINGER AND WE RETURNED TO THE BALLROOM! NO ONE LOOKED AT MY DRESS THAT NIGHT, THEY SAW ONLY MY SPARKLING RING AND CONTENTED SMILE...

LOTS OF *LUCK*, NEIL!

I'VE HAD ALL THE LUCK ANY MAN COULD ASK FOR...SALLY SAID YES!

The End

yourself through to ease the load on the family."

Hank stayed to dinner that night. After Mom and I got the kids tucked away in their beds, Hank and I took a walk. As he pulled at his pipe, the soft red glow lit the darkness under the trees. The sky sprinkled star patterns, and the moon lit shadows among the floating clouds.

"It never looked so beautiful to me before," I said. I could feel my eyes sparkling. I had caught my hair back with a small velvet ribbon, and I hoped that I looked pretty. Hank's eyes told me that I did though. A sudden hush fell between us, and it seemed so natural, our blending together in the sweet embrace of our first kiss.

Suddenly he held me away from him.

"I guess I fell in love with you even before I met you, Doris. Pop's spoken about you so often, and he showed me your picture. But being with you today, Doris, seeing you help your Mom and flit around smiling at all the old friends . . . I could read in their eyes what they think of you. I feel the same way, only with me it's much more personal."

Hank and I saw each other constantly that summer. I reveled in the admiration he showed me. I suddenly seemed to come alive. I felt vital and I never looked so wonderful in my whole life. Whirling through the barn dances in my old peasant blouse and calico skirt, I knew I looked lovelier than many a fancy-dressed gal back at school. I blossomed out in the familiar surroundings of my home town and with the wonderful attentions of Hank Brody to flatter my womanhood.

Hank was understanding, so easy to talk to. I told him all the dreams of becoming a teacher and breaking away from Clay City. I laughed at myself when I revealed the childish jealousies that used to make me envious of the well-to-do kids in town. In turn, Hank confided in me. He had never continued his last year at high school. He was forced into work to support himself after his family moved from Chicago. He had struggled long hours to rise to his position of authority. The men at the tile plant respected him and loved him. I knew that from Dad. One day I met Hank before quitting time and I watched his activities on the job. His presence of mind, his sharpness and know-how would bring him a brilliant future. Proudly, I told myself that I would be part of it.

Another dream! When would I learn not to put my faith in dreams! For suddenly one day I sensed a change in Hank. For

a week I heard nothing from him. It was getting close to the time when I would have to return to school . . . . and I dreaded the thought! When Hank finally called for a date I accepted eagerly, but I was terribly hurt at not hearing from him sooner. It may sound silly, but I had dreamed, too, about Hank asking me to marry him. I loved him and I felt I could forget about school. I would take a part-time job and pay back the folks the money they had invested on me. I knew they liked Hank and would approve my marrying him.

"I have something important to tell you, Doris," said Hank when we were alone. My heart hammered rapidly. Was it a proposal?

"I love you, but I don't feel as if marrying me is fair to you or to me now." I wanted to cry out in protest, but he held my hand tightly and continued, "I've been taking correspondence courses to finish my high school work. That's why I didn't see you this week. I needed time to buckle down. I'm going to continue into college courses, too. Then, while you finish up your school and get your diploma, I'll be working to make myself a better and bigger person . . . someone who really deserves you."

"I'm not the success you think I am," I blurted out suddenly. "I almost flunked out of college! I love you Hank! Let's get married now!"

He cupped my face in his hands tenderly.

"I think you *do* love me, Doris. But when we first met, I think I was an escape for you. I knew that, too. You see, your Dad told me about the letter he had on your work, from Mr. Norman, the grade adviser. He didn't let on to you, because he felt you would tell him yourself. It wasn't easy for you, Doris, but the kind of future we can build together . . . why you'll go back and race through those studies like the wonderful, intelligent girl I love! Give yourself a chance, darling. Give *us* a chance!"

It wasn't easy. But it *could* be done. It seems amazing to me that the two years of Junior College flew by so fast. I worked hard, and I even chalked up some honors in the subjects I excelled in. My proudest moment was at graduation when Mom and Pop drove down to watch me take my diploma. Hank was there, too, waiting for me. His kiss was for all the world to see, and to me meant the greatest gift of all: the love and respect of my husband-to-be. I hope I can impart to my young pupils at Clay City the wisdom that my Hank taught me.

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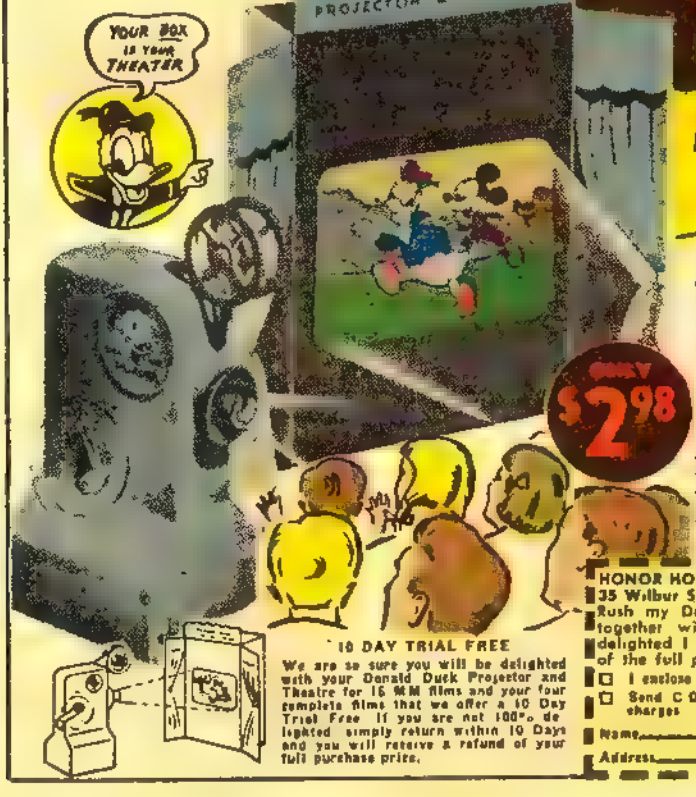

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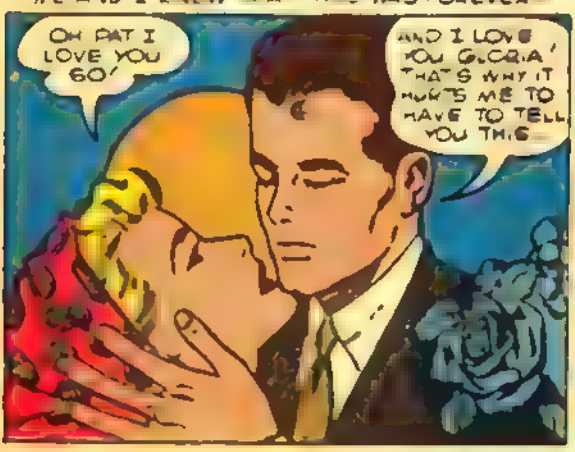
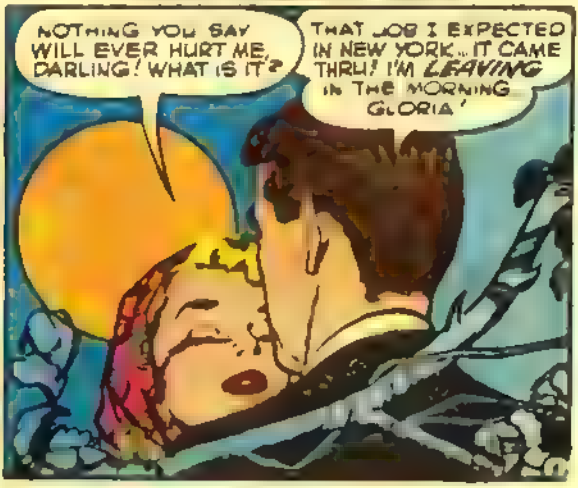
LOVE, I KNEW, COULD ONLY HAPPEN ONCE! I WAS A ONE-MAN GIRL, AND WHEN I HELD PAT IN MY ARMS AND FELT HIS LIPS ON MINE, THERE WOULD BE, FOR ME...

NO OTHER LOVE!

HIS NAME WAS PAT DWYER, AS HANDSOME AND CHARMING A BOY AS ANY GIRL WOULD WANT AS A HUSBAND. FROM THE FIRST DAY WE MET I KNEW HE WAS THE ONE AND ONLY FOR ME. I KNEW THAT HE HADN'T TAKEN ANY GIRL SERIOUSLY BEFORE ME AND I KNEW THAT THIS WAS FOREVER.



HIS TONE WAS SERIOUS. HIS MANNER GRIM. IT FRIGHTENED ME TO SEE HIM LIKE THIS. BUT THEN I KNEW THAT OUR LOVE WAS STRONG. THAT IT COULD STAND UP AGAINST ANYTHING.

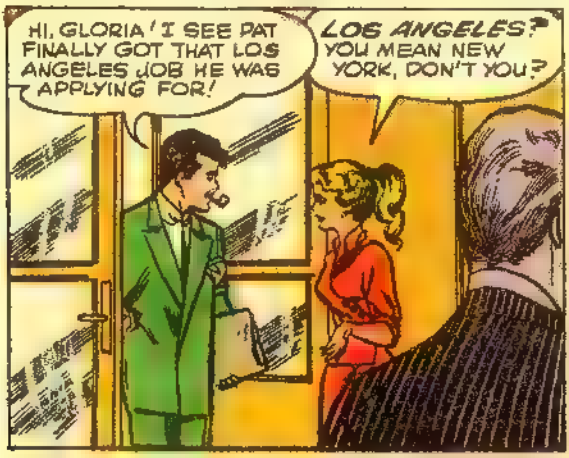

NOTHING YOU SAY WILL EVER HURT ME, DARLING! WHAT IS IT?
THAT JOB I EXPECTED IN NEW YORK... IT CAME THRU! I'M LEAVING IN THE MORNING GLORIA!

FEAR SURGED WITHIN ME! I HAD ALWAYS BEEN AFRAID AND UNCERTAIN, AND NOW I COULD BARELY GET MY VOICE ABOVE A WHISPER...

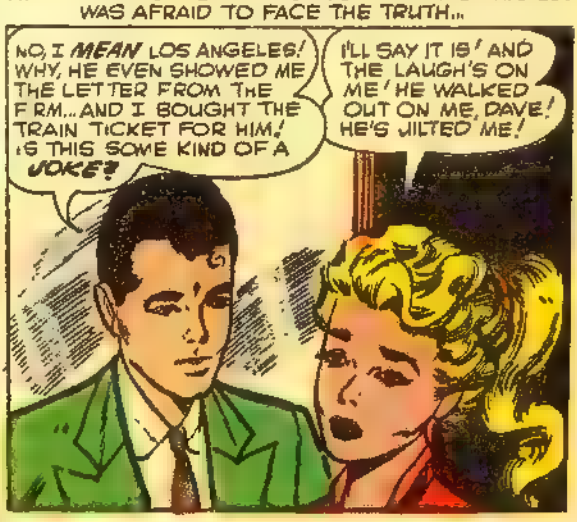
THAT'S WONDERFUL, DARLING! OH, I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW RELIEVED I AM, PAT! THERE'LL NEVER BE ANY OTHER LOVE BUT YOU FOR ME!
I KNOW, DARLING! SO DON'T WORRY! EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT!

AND THEN EVERYTHING WAS REALLY ALL RIGHT WHEN HE TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS AND KISSED ME...

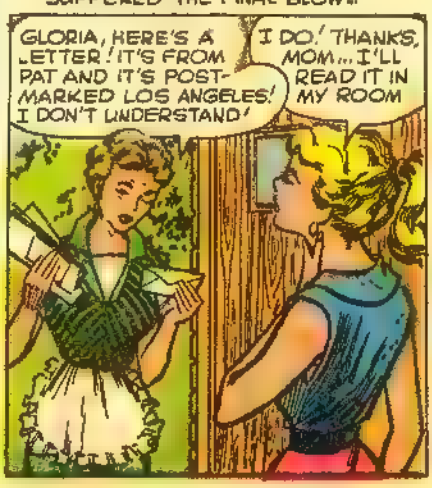
AND THAT WAS MY GOOD-BYE TO PAT! THE NEXT DAY HE LEFT FOR NEW YORK, OR SO I THOUGHT, UNTIL I MET DAVE GARSON, PAT'S BEST FRIEND! IT WAS A WEEK LATER AND I WAS BEGINNING TO WONDER WHY I HADN'T RECEIVED ANY WORD..



I HAD A SICK FEELING AT THE PIT OF MY STOMACH, AS IF I WAS EXPECTING SOMETHING LIKE THIS BUT WAS AFRAID TO FACE THE TRUTH...


NO, I MEAN LOS ANGELES! WHY, HE EVEN SHOWED ME THE LETTER FROM THE FIRM... AND I BOUGHT THE TRAIN TICKET FOR HIM! IS THIS SOME KIND OF A JOKE?
I'LL SAY IT IS! AND THE LAUGH'S ON ME! HE WALKED OUT ON ME, DAVE! HE'S JILTED ME!

IT WAS A CRY OF DESPERATION AND FEAR! IT SEEMED AS IF MY LIFE ENDED RIGHT THEN AND THERE! I RUSHED HOME BLIND WITH TEARS! THE NEXT DAY I SUFFERED THE FINAL BLOW..



THERE THEY WERE... THE COLD CRUEL WORDS..

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and so I just couldn't tell you to your face, Gloria, that I don't care for you as much as you did me! I'm sorry that it had to be this way! Please try to understand and someday I know you'll find someone who'll love you-

Good luck,

Pat

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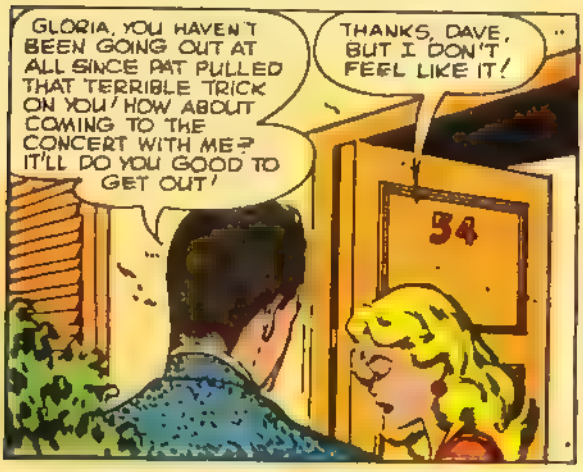
IT WAS THE END OF EVERYTHING... OF YOUTH, JOY, HAPPINESS AND IT WAS THE END OF LOVE, FOR I COULD NEVER LOVE ANYONE ELSE IN ALL THE REST OF MY LONELY LIFE! ONE DAY DAVE CALLED ME AND CAME OVER TO SEE ME.


GLORIA, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN GOING OUT AT ALL SINCE PAT PULLED THAT TERRIBLE TRICK ON YOU! HOW ABOUT COMING TO THE CONCERT WITH ME? IT'LL DO YOU GOOD TO GET OUT!
THANKS, DAVE, BUT I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT!
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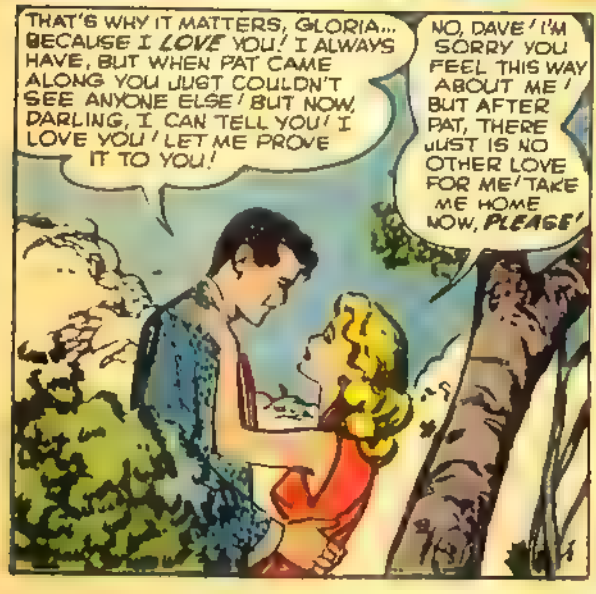
LOOK YOU'RE NOT DOING YOURSELF ANY GOOD THIS WAY! YOU'RE TOO PRETTY A GIRL TO PINE AWAY OVER SOME GUY WE BOTH HAD ALL WRONG FROM THE BEGINNING! I INTRODUCED YOU TO HIM SO I FEEL RESPONSIBLE! LET ME MAKE IT UP TO YOU, PLEASE!
IF IT MEANS SO MUCH TO YOU ALL RIGHT DAVE! I'LL GO OUT WITH YOU... THIS ONCE!

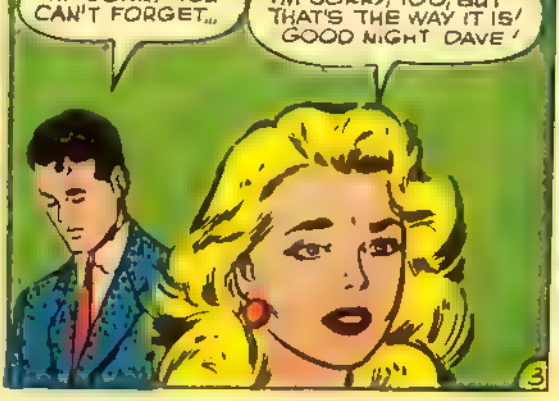
DAVE WAS SO SERIOUS ABOUT IT ALL THAT I THOUGHT I'D BETTER GO OUT JUST TO MAKE HIM FEEL BETTER! AND SO WE WENT FOR A WALK

IT HAD SLIPPED OUT BEFORE I KNEW IT AND I BURST INTO TEARS AGAIN AT THE MEMORY! I FOUND MYSELF CRYING ON DAVE'S SHOULDER AND HE WAS HOLDING ME CLOSE, WHISPERING...

FOR AN ANSWER HE RAISED MY HEAD AND KISSED ME, SOFTLY TENDERLY! I WAS SO SURPRISED I DIDN'T RESIST

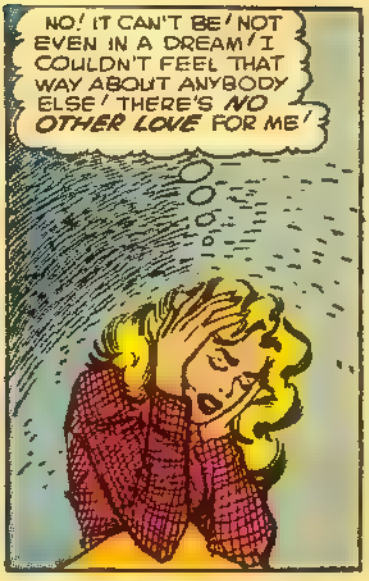

THAT'S WHY IT MATTERS, GLORIA... BECAUSE I LOVE YOU! I ALWAYS HAVE, BUT WHEN PAT CAME ALONG YOU JUST COULDN'T SEE ANYONE ELSE! BUT NOW, DARLING, I CAN TELL YOU! I LOVE YOU! LET ME PROVE IT TO YOU!
NO, DAVE! I'M SORRY YOU FEEL THIS WAY ABOUT ME! BUT AFTER PAT, THERE JUST IS NO OTHER LOVE FOR ME! TAKE ME HOME NOW, PLEASE!

WE WERE SILENT ALL THE WAY HOME! EVERYTHING HAD GONE WRONG FOR BOTH OF US! I THOUGHT THIS WAS GOING TO BE A WAY TO TRY TO FORGET PAT, BUT NOW I WAS REMINDED OF HIM MORE THAN EVER! THE TOUCH OF DAVE'S LIPS ON MINE STILL TINGLED .. AND I DIDN'T WANT IT TO! THEN WE SAID GOOD NIGHT...

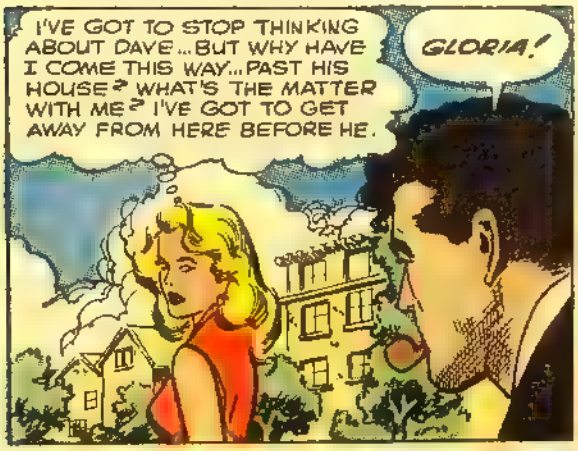


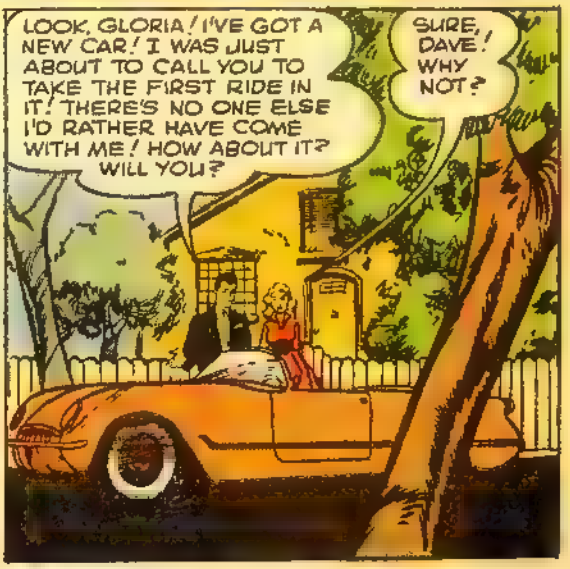
ALL THAT NIGHT, I SOBBED INTO MY PILLOW! WHY DID DAVE HAVE TO KISS ME? WHY DID HE HAVE TO BRING BACK MEMORIES OF WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN? WHY DIDN'T HE LET ME ALONE AND LET ME TRY TO FORGET?

TOWARD DAWN I SLEPT.. AND DREAMED! BUT STRANGELY ENOUGH MY DREAMS WERE NOT ABOUT PAT! I DREAMED THAT DAVE WAS KISSING ME..

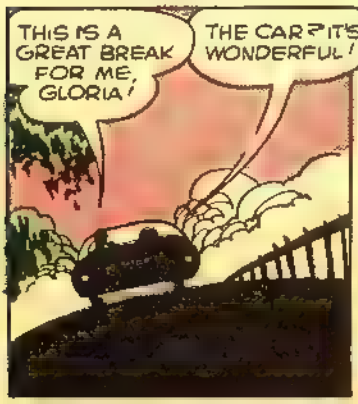


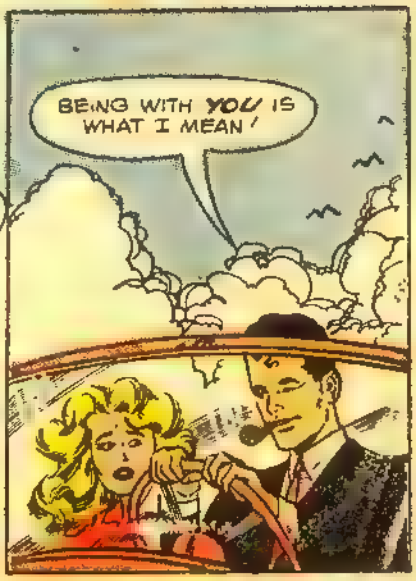
STRANGER STILL, I FOUND MYSELF THINKING LESS AND LESS ABOUT PAT AND MORE AND MORE ABOUT DAVE! I BEGAN HATING MYSELF BECAUSE, IN A WAY, I WASN'T BEING TRUE TO MY TRUE LOVE, EVEN IF HE WASN'T MINE TO OWN ...


I'VE GOT TO STOP THINKING ABOUT DAVE ... BUT WHY HAVE I COME THIS WAY ... PAST HIS HOUSE? WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME? I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FROM HERE BEFORE HE.
GLORIA!

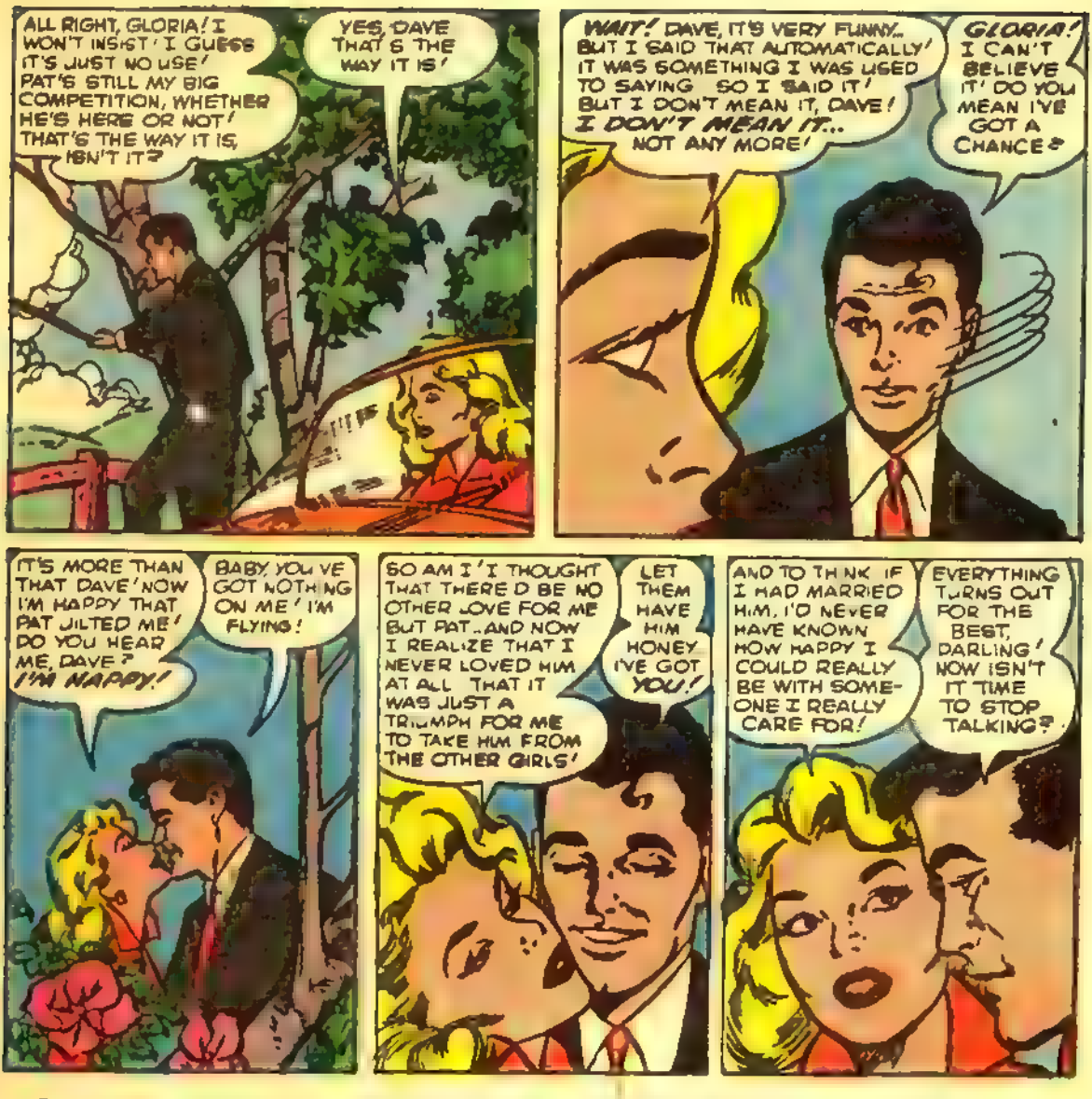

LOOK, GLORIA! I'VE GOT A NEW CAR! I WAS JUST ABOUT TO CALL YOU TO TAKE THE FIRST RIDE IN IT! THERE'S NO ONE ELSE I'D RATHER HAVE COME WITH ME! HOW ABOUT IT? WILL YOU?
SURE, DAVE! WHY NOT?

WHY NOT? ONE BIG REASON WHY NOT! I SHOULDN'T HAVE ENCOURAGED HIM LIKE THIS, I THOUGHT! THERE WAS NO POINT IN IT! I DIDN'T CARE FOR HIM, BUT HERE I WAS, RIDING ALONG CLOSE TO HIM.. ENJOYING IT...





HE PARKED THE CAR AND THE NEXT MINUTE HE HELD ME IN HIS ARMS AND ONCE AGAIN I WAS LOST IN THE STRANGE RAPTURE OF HIS KISS...


ALL RIGHT, GLORIA! I WON'T INSIST! I GUESS IT'S JUST NO USE! PAT'S STILL MY BIG COMPETITION, WHETHER HE'S HERE OR NOT! THAT'S THE WAY IT IS, ISN'T IT?
YES, DAVE THAT'S THE WAY IT IS!
WAIT! DAVE, IT'S VERY FUNNY.. BUT I SAID THAT AUTOMATICALLY! IT WAS SOMETHING I WAS USED TO SAYING SO I SAID IT! BUT I DON'T MEAN IT, DAVE! I DON'T MEAN IT... NOT ANY MORE!
GLORIA! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! DO YOU MEAN I'VE GOT A CHANCE?
IT'S MORE THAN THAT DAVE! NOW I'M HAPPY THAT PAT JILTED ME! DO YOU HEAR ME, DAVE? I'M HAPPY!
BABY, YOU'VE GOT NOTHING ON ME! I'M FLYING!
SO AM I! I THOUGHT THAT THERE'D BE NO OTHER LOVE FOR ME BUT PAT.. AND NOW I REALIZE THAT I NEVER LOVED HIM AT ALL THAT IT WAS JUST A TRIUMPH FOR ME TO TAKE HIM FROM THE OTHER GIRLS!
LET THEM HAVE HIM HONEY I'VE GOT YOU!
AND TO THINK IF I HAD MARRIED HIM, I'D NEVER HAVE KNOWN HOW HAPPY I COULD REALLY BE WITH SOMEONE I REALLY CARE FOR!
EVERYTHING TURNS OUT FOR THE BEST, DARLING! NOW ISN'T IT TIME TO STOP TALKING?
AND NOW, WHEN HE KISSED ME, I WAS COMPLETELY SURE! THIS WAS REALLY IT! THIS WAS MY ONE LOVE AT LAST AND THERE WOULD NEVER BE ANY OTHER FOR EITHER OF US.
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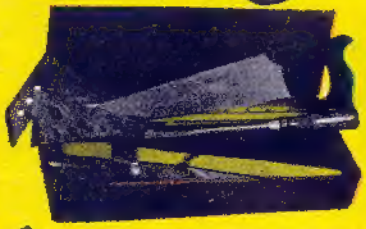

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